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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 10, through page 2, line 1, with the following text:

A nuclear fuel assembly which finishes combustion in a terminal phase of a nuclear fuel cycle and can not be used is called as a spent nuclear fuel. Since the spent nuclear fuel contains a radioactive material such as an FP (fission product) or the like, it is necessary to thermally cool, so that the spent nuclear fuel is cooled by a cooling pit in a nuclear power plant for a predetermined period (one to three years). Thereafter, the spent nuclear fuel is received in a cask corresponding to a shielded vessel, and transported to a reprocessing

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